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We are enclosing the following:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO 1449 with references;
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application. We are also enclosing a copy of the following citation that is listed in form PTO-1449:

**WO 00/50098**

It is applicants' belief that the above citation described is not that which is claimed in the present invention.

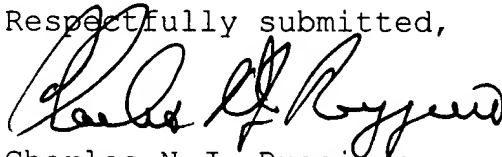
It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the

invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citation and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action based on the merits, no petition or fee is required.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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